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House of Education

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Dear Mrs. Franklin,

The Parents Education Union was formed in the first place to carry out the teaching contained in "Home Education". The pages of the Parents Review and the general lectures given in the branches (where teaching not antagonistic to what we call P.N.E.U. thought is welcomed) carry out the intention of (n) in the objects, that is to collect and make known the best information on the subject. Lady Isabel Margesson and some other members of the Committee left us in June 1894 because we could not receive their amendment pledging us to the "new" education as it is set Pestalozzi, Herbert Spencer, Froebel and other educational philosophers.

As a matter of fact, the P.N.E.U. is designed as a tacit protest against the fundamental principles of the philosophers, but this is a subject I have dwelt on at length in several ~~connections~~. It is quite true that at the date of the rupture, I protested against the <sup>use</sup> of names and definitions. I have tried for years to hide behind the phrase P.N.E.U. though but we ~~try~~ make little headway as an educational power in the country and we lay ourselves open to the charge brought against us by the malcontents of '94 that absolutely vagueness is to prevail about the best principles and ~~methods~~ of education as understood by the Union

As people grow in earnest about education, they will either neglect us as amateurs, or require to know what our platform is. So it seems to me well to draw even an inadequate statement of what we teach and also it seems necessary that this teaching must be protected by the name of the originator, or everyone who speaks for P.N.E.U. has a right to say, "I think" and call it, "P.N.E.U. Teaching" and this must result in the "absolute vagueness" we deprecate.

But this statement is no new thing. The Society originated in the little manual called "Home Education" which contains the whole in the germ and every succeeding expansion and elucidation has appeared in the Parents Review and has for the most part been read at the Annual Conferences of the Union.

Ever yours,

C.M. MASON.

18. 2. 1904

Dearest,

What a splendid Chela you are. I feel now that we are on our feet and ready to make progress in two directions. Schools will prove like a snowball, rolling down hill and by show degrees, and more and more we shall influence the education of the country. Hurrah as you sapiently observe. How I wish I had been there to hear that half hour's harangue, it is most sweet of the committee to pass such a delightful resolution congratulate re statement. I ~~congratulate~~ you on a splendid piece of work, dear, I think it will live longer than - as I said before - even you. I am very glad Mr. Underhill has come in bodily, we can recommend him now without reserve. . . .

Please give my ~~loving~~ and grateful thanks to Lady A. as helmsman. She is ever a joy,

No more till I hear,

Yours C.M.

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House of Education

21 3. 1904

Dearest,

Thank you for your dear note. The publishers print the circulars and will no doubt let you have 3,000 would you like the leaflet to go into the "Review" as well. I fancy 3,000 should cover all, should it not? But just as you like. I shall take Mrs. Clement Parsons' judgment. No indeed, we don't want to be erudite. You dear people are too sweet, and just make me cry. But truly I do not see all that in the little leaflet. I am very truly glad Mrs. C.P. sees development of course P.N.E.U. is educating me but I thought I had gone back in style since "Home Education." I do nothing but bask in the great happiness of feeling that now we have begun a work which will go on.

Your (in the plural) acceptance of the "confession" alter the fobbing of everything. The College, the School, my soul and body are identified with P.N.E.U. and there is no shadow of separation and no holding back of college of anything else with a view to what some future committee that has no Lady A. may.....



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Ambleside,

22. 3. 1904

I am very sorry to lose Lady A's vigorous preamble but understand your reasons for giving it up. I think<sup>you</sup> have deleted the phrases I meant to alter, so I just send it back as it is. Perhaps you will let me see a proof in case anything occurs to me; I should return the proof to you.

I see you take the first phrase of my bit of the original so I suppose you mean just to continue.

I like all your "revised versions". 'Member' comes twice in the opening sentence does it not. Hip! Hip!

This labour of ours is nearly at an end and if the fruits come in only an apple at a time we shall rejoice.

(I am) terribly sorry about the nurse question: its most wearing

Ever thine,

G.M.

This is not a letter. Could I have two or three proofs because I expect I shall have a battle with the publishers about the questions and I don't at all think they know

we want the books but with this form they would see and I think would not object.

Miss Batching's large paper  
concluded  
Importance of the Nurse's duty  
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Ambleside,

22. 5. 1904

Dear Friend,

I had written, as you will see, a note in answer to yours but on re-reading, 'I fear I must ask you to let me have the whole, complete, to look at before it goes to the printers. So far as I can gather there is no mention of the Committee as the copy stands now. We must have some such phrase as you began with - "The Committee of the P.N.E.U. in consultation" etc.' if the thing is to be printed.

Yousee, the whole object in view is that the Committee on behalf of the Union, should make a Confession of Faith. Of course there will be dissidents, even on the Committee, and certainly in the Union; but every body contains those who differ and there is no compulsion nor any pressure whatever. Nor is anything new advanced. The principles are those which, as a Nursing Mother (May I say so?) as well as Founder of the Union, I have sustained it with from year to year, which contain all the vital truth it possesses and, so far as I can see, constitute its raison d'être. But the dear Committee must not take and repudiate. If they have not the courage to send out the leaflet in their name I shall not even be distressed. A great gain has come to me in the shape of those members who, seeing the whole scheme of thought, in a bird's eye view, became the first adherents to the whole. /I.....

am deeply grateful to them and value their enthusiasm more than I can say. It is a great thing when others see eye to eye with you about matters which are as your very life.

As for those who differ, I understand and respect their position. When there have not been a dozen original thinkers upon education in the world; when England has hardly had 3 or 4 - how can the P.N.E.U. believe that one of these has fallen to its share?

Indeed I can hardly believe it myself and am continually comparing and enquiring to see if I am after all offering anything worth while. The answer always seems to be "yes" but I am truly willing to leave the question to the "modesty of time."

At the same time, it will be a joyful and delightful thing to see the P.N.E.U. such an educational society as the world has never known; and there really is, I think, something to be said in favour of a person of even average intelligence who has given about 40 years of incessant consecutive, progressive, thought to the one subject of Education and who has tested every point laid down by many experiments and much investigation of principles. You will, I know see with me that there is no object whatever in issuing this leaflet unless as sent out by the Committee. Of course it must not be printed otherwise.

With again very cordial and grateful feelings towards part of the Committee if not the whole Ever yours  
C. H. MASON

Ambleville

10. 6. 1904

Is there any of you left dearest? You just take away my breath! I am truly vexed that I did not remember till too late to send flowers for your luncheon. Miss Armfield writes that the whole was a great success - but how you worked! It is good to think of a minute's pause for tea in the garden with Lady Campbell and Archie.

This is just a line to wish you God-speed dear, may all go well with you at Berlin. Perhaps I may get a little scribbled writ in the railway carriage.

About me - I did more at our garden party than I have been up to for years - and without more fatigue than I have now got over. You see the books are urgent - it is not quite safe to have sent the Synopsis abroad without them.

I am excessively glad(that)you are going to hold (a)Course of lectures in(the)Synopsis. You know there is and never can be but one Chela - who understands perfectly - and is faithful, i.e. does not stick in bits like a caddis worm.

Dearest love to that same Chela of my heart,

C.M.



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Ville de la Haye  
Bad Nauheim

Dictated

27. 8. 1904

Dearest,

How ~~delightful~~ it was to get your nice long letter at C.N. Hotel! We did quite well there but it was desolate not to have you in town. We had a really bad crossing -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours longer than it should be but the dear tea basket made us all ~~at~~ right again when we got into the train at Ostend where we wait for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour before we start and so have tea in comfort. I did very well on the journey in the usual short stages and you know what an adept is Kit-Kit in all the arts of travel. The good Roschs made a great deal of us when we came and alas, said they had no room on the 2nd floor and we must go to the 3rd which I knew Little Man would not allow. However, they had already explained to him and when we got up, behold, two delightful rooms with a large balcony much better than our last at the same price. It is possible we may still be here long enough to see Sydney. I have not yet ventured a word about going as Little Man is still rather irate about pump - thinks I should have come before; but so soon as he says "good" I shall moot the question of returning. Baths have begun again and what with baths and what with journey I am rather a poor thing but better.

Is it not humiliating to have had the grand Clapham plan defeated? Still I got some work done there, bad or good I can't yet say. Notwithstanding your counsel, dear,

I think I must try a little while I am here and see how it goes.

Was it not odd that Mrs. Farrer of Clapham should turn out to be the Mrs. Farrer of your Council whom no doubt you know quite well? I had a little call from her before she left she is or was a member of the Belgravia Branch - I think is.

I have written to the publishers again about publishing the questions separately. They answered before by proposing to bind them with the remaining copies so I don't think they'll say 'yes' and then I shall ask if they object to our typewriting a few. I think it would be easy to do this for the few people who will ask for them. Of course the office could sell them at a cost to cover the typewriting; but alas, they have the questions now, and nothing can be done till I get the proofs.

About your lectures; it would be very fine if dear Lady A. could prepare two or three courses for following years, a lecture on each of the 1st 6 articles of the Synopsis; then on the next 6; then on the next. But it would be heavy work because it would mean close study of all the little books to see in how many ways every point applies - but the "Child a Person" will be the very crux for our Crusade. The interesting cutting you sent sounds the first note of the fray. I should certainly say the books /will.....

be out by January but little can be done when you are in the hands of the publishers. You see the volumes are their undertaking and not mine. They have a complete book in hand untouched so far as I know but the proofs may begin to come quickly any day. They seem anxious to carry the work through.

Please send the enclosed to Miss Hamburger. I have not her address here. I did not feel I might send her a summons by telegram and I was not prepared to offer anything and the delay lost her as you warned me it would. But she wrote me such a very nice letter after that I am anxious to keep her in view. Dear love to you and yours,

Ever yours,

C.M.

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New Inn, Clapham  
House of Education,  
Ambleside.

April 6th ? 1905

A word of Birthday greeting to my Beloved Friend. May the coming year bring her much by-product of the kind she is seeking after so that her friend here may be stimulated and helped to do (and think) better by more and more signs of "growth". She was very stimulating in her last visit to Ambleside. I feel as if you were like Mahomet's coffin - neither here nor there - neither at Pordhester Terrace nor South Stoneham. So this has to take its change of reaching you on the very day. You will see I can't keep you out of that birthday joy till October. So it comes now - you will find it very interesting reading I think - a sort of human document. A green pic-nic rug goes to keep it warm. I feel it in my bones that you are rather bothered about the conference. I enclose a letter from Mrs. Williams as I think you might like to get or try to get Mrs. Wordsworth to read her paper at the Conference. Do you know anything about the "Daily Mail" articles she speaks of? I don't. I am sending you copies. The Editor asked me some time ago to write an article on the Best Way to Bring up Children - but the title did not take me and I could not squeeze several volumes into one article. You know I don't like abridgments. He said he had been reading Vol. V. and gave a list of points from the book which he wanted me to take up. By the way, I have thought of someone one for your 3 weeks. Miss Moule (niece of the Bishop of Durham) I am told she is well enough to take



up work again and two nice little girls would be good to begin on. She is coming up to the Conference and if the lady wants her, we may be able to send her on. Travelling expenses and £1: 5: a week for the three weeks. We have been rather saddened by the illness of Mrs. Farrer, the charming chatelaine whom Miss Webb will remember. She has heart trouble and is afraid of the journey to Nauheim. I feel sad that I let her come up stairs to see me because I would not go there - and she looked distressingly ill. We are as comfortable as ever in these quarters and the people as kind but I have not enjoyed the driving as much as usual - the first part of the time I was too tired - and the last few days have been cold. I am inviting people to "meet" the old Students Conference for next Saturday - but I hear of very few old students who are coming,

There's a long screed all with my own hand for your birthday.

With ever most loving wishes, in which  
Kit Kit joins,

Ever yours,

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House of Education

10.5. 1905.

Dearest,

The old students have been and gone and I think they found their conference very edifying and helpful. We all enjoyed them and I did not get more than tired.

How I wish you were here to see the beeches break into leaf. It is such a tender delicious green. I think you had better hurry the publishers up about the books. They will only be able to get them ready with a huge effort but it can be done. And now for your dear letter. I doubt if you will have time to read one from me you must be so busy; but I expect this will be a great Conference and certainly the programme is delightful. I am glad, too, that there is so good a prospect of papers for the Review. How is Geoffrey? You dear mothers are never safe from that kind of anxiety. I wonder has he been able to go to South Stoneham with you and if the visit did both you and the dear B.P. good.

Dear Michael! How improper of him to grow up!

It was dear of you to tell me about about the French home. You have been wonderfully fortunate to secure such a very attractive abode for you two with those two nice French girls for companions and the boys. I think you told me how you found them out but I forget I wonder is it a place we could send students to? Will you give Sydney my warmest congratulations on his success.

About the papers, I have sent you:- There is a good deal more in the book about Conscience. This is the whole of the paper

about Will and the paper follows about the Soul.

We shall do our best to send a good exhibit. Would it be better for Miss Smeeton to bring the things to your house and she could unpack and repack for Liege and the only expense would be the cab fare from Euston.

The students had what they called a Nation dance - very much like a book title affair. Don't you think it would lend itself to conversation if they appeared as nation things - that is for the most part with cards attached to their shoulders offering some sort of conundrum - you know the style of thing? I saw Mrs. Steinthal, she came on to Clapham for the day and was very dear. I think she will be heartily with us during the Conference. She appears to be staying in lodgings at Gower St. so I think persuasion will fetch her in a cab for the evenings. I have been storing an immense number of things to say to you but they appear to have gone. One is to thank you for sending me a capital student in Miss Dyke.

And now I must stop for there is much to be done.

All my thoughts are with you,

With dear love, C.M.

P.S. I am enclosing a letter from Miss Rankin; don't you think it would be rather nice for the Conference through the President to send a telegram to cheer these Melbourne people. The news seems very promising and interesting. Also I send a letter from Ceylon which might be interesting reading at the Conference. It is only about the school but such a letter from a Singapore lady opens the possibility of Branches for natives in certain places. Do you think it would be well for Miss Armfield to write to her about Branch work?

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House of Education  
Ambleside

17th May, 1905.

I am glad you have written to me about Miss Smeeton, dearest, and I agreed with all you say - given the right person and she would be, not valuable, but invaluable to her. Mrs. Black, for example, with whom I have placed Miss Ethel Dixon, would have prized her beyond measure and would have paid anything. But such posts are very rare. People think they have refinement, personality (and much else which they have not got!) themselves, and they are only willing to pay for attainments with anything else you like thrown in. Miss Dixon is in just the same case or rather, the same the a plus and a minus. But she will be with us till Easter and I have no doubt the right thing will turn up. I have thought a good deal about it and am rather inclined for a class for her - what think you? She would escape the strain of living with people and of having the children always on her mind. You look out also, dear, but don't be anxious and of this be very sure that no suitable post which Miss Smeeton can fill will be overlooked. I feel and have felt all you say about her age and risk (I should certainly have told you that training here is not a good investment for any student: the cost is great though I do all I can to keep it down; that is why I am cross when people expect the students to go to them for nothing!) I feel too, that Miss Smeeton in herself is worth more than the longest list of accomplishments, but I can't get people to see these things. But once again - don't be anxious dear - and be sure that the



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matter is on both my mind and heart and that I am in entire agreement wit you.

All my soul is with you at the Conference.  
That dear Kit Kit wrote me notes of yesterday: "Mrs. F. looked  
Wvery nice and she made just the right speech at the end of the  
"morning."

Ever yours,

C.M.

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Ambleside.

25.5. 05.

Dearest,

Thank you for so quickly allaying my anxiety. I should have felt none for I am very well aware of a certain distressing failing and have been so for many years. But of the pamphlets you sent, while one was admirable (I mean to give it to the students before they go) another was very bad. You said nothing about Tuesday afternoon and I thought it just possible your silence might be ominous, but Dr. Hunter's paper entirely reassured me. Bury that letter which I should not have sent to you "in oblivion". To speak of it to any one will do harm and give the impression that we are mixed up with unpleasantness. I have just written to Mrs. S. and told her that we were fully safeguarded and that I liked and was grateful to the paper she condemned. I think she will not say more. Remember, dear, that one fault does not make a person and truly it is the only one I know. You know she is always a little sore and jealous hence she did not see clearly. I am much vexed about it.

About Mrs. Sandberg, I sent you her letter in order that a Branch might be duly organised from the office. Perhaps we shall get Belgium yet. I am writing to M. Thierry. Your book is coming also the list of people to send to,

Much love,

C.M.

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Villa Langsdorf,

Bad Nauheim

20. 7. 1905

How good of the Beloved Person to write the very day before they started and what a nice budget of news. Did you hear me worrying because we had not your address, an behold it came promptly on desire.

Mrs. Thompson is here with her family and Kit Kit is managing so abominably well that I see very little of them. She went through rather a bad time on her return from Ober-Ammergau when the party went for a rest and she had determined to go home on her return but Professor Schott rose like a man in wrath and forbade further progress. He told me it was a serious case and required very careful watching. Evelyn is able to walk about now quite well but that is always a risky time, is it not? Of the Cowlands we saw nothing except a card which was not a responsibility because they left a day or two later. We fall into our old tracks with a good deal of ease and satisfaction. I hope the new arrangement does not mean that Miss Smeaton can't go with you. I forget how soon the Morants wanted her. Nothing could possibly have been better by way of a beginning. After that, I incline to Miss Lees if the Lambs don't keep her; she is a delightful teacher and an exceedingly nice person and though I think London too trying for her, I fear she is bent upon trying her fortune there. I do wish the arrangement you suggested could be carried into effect. I think Fraulein Richter would be an element of repose and common

sense. However we must wait and see what happens. I am delighted about Mrs. Newington; it certainly seems to be an ideal thing on both sides. Perhaps we may manage something for her ~~till~~ Easter.

I enjoyed Olive's poem much. I see what you mean, it is less spontaneous than her earlier efforts; but that's a paise and the completeness with which she expresses the idea of the picture is delightful. I suppose you have Madge and Sydney; give them my love. Have you found the precisely right thing for her? We are writing out of doors watching black I wonder have S. and M. seen them.  
Dear love to you and your dear party,

Kit Kit joins in love,

Yours ever,

C.M. (K.K.)



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Villa Langsdorf  
Bad Nauheim,

Dearest,

31.7. 1905

What a treat your nice long screed was! I was rather pining for news and now we can picture everything. I suppose the last three of your party have arrived by now. I wonder how S. and M. improved much in French? I am greatly entertained that Lady A. should have taken the Glasgow family ~~in~~ tow and have put them through an improving course; but it really was worth doing because people don't and even clever girls only prepare for examinations.

By the way, I hope the Renaissance people are all right to read aloud? You asked me but I could not recollect. I understand your difficulty about French novels. I am always brought up by something horrid. I think your Upton Letters man offers a rather good rule that things should not be written in a book which could not be painted in a picture or made a subject of conversation, and ~~this~~ reminds me of a very interesting conversation with Dr. Knittel which I meant to tell you of when we met. He said some deeply interesting things about the Jewish people, considered that they stimulated thought, intellectual activity of every kind and that they were absolutely necessary for the Education of Western Europe. Also that there was a great deal of difference between an intellectual Jewish and a fairly cultured German lady. That, if you go to the former and interest her sympathies for any public scheme, she will give you 100 marks towards it at once; when the German lady would give 5 though she would spend 25 marks ( I thought he was

well within the mark!) on a hat. He said he thought there was only one thing in which a cultivated Jewess was not a help to German women: she would read books and go to plays that were very damaging to the German woman who imitated her. I was glad to tell him of at least one Jewish lady who was exceedingly delicate about such matters.

Was it not an interesting talk. His broad intelligent views interested me greatly, especially the idea that the Jewish people are for the education of the rest of us. Behold m'am Lady A is but fulfilling her mission after all! I think I must have Jewish blood, if I could track it, or I should not be ~~xxx~~ so bent on bringing up the world at large!!

Behold, I send you a dissertation instead of news, because we have none! Eveline Thompson is doing ever so well and I think they will be able to go in a week. Mrs. Thompson has been really most considerate in understanding that we must be left to ourselves, so we just have a pleasant little peep in passing then now and again. Mrs. Thompson is in everything, plays the organ in church, acts as Churchwarden and is secretary of the English Society and is generally most helpful, so I feel all our sins of omission are atoned for by her. I rejoice ever so that Miss Smeston got her fortnight with you: I suppose she has gone by now. I am mending happily though the baths are always trying.

Very much love,  
C.M. (E.K.)

Villa Langsdorf  
Bad Nauheim

21.8.1905

Dearest,

We are writing out of doors, taking almost a farewell look of the park, and by and by, of the delightful fields for we are to be allowed to go by the end of the week. Is it not grand? We shall have been here for only 6 weeks and we have never before had so short a cure. The little autocrat is mighty pleased with his patient. I told him that instead of coming here for my 90th birthday, which he had always said I should, I should go to a ball! This is Tuesday and we go on Friday and don't know where! The old place at Lucefne is in one scale and Drei Aehren in the Vosges another; he allows us to go to either and it is a question of pennies and weather which we decide upon. You shall have a p.c. when we know. What a dear and delightful time you are having! I think you must write an article on a P.N.E.U. notion of a holiday. Mrs. Winkworth and Mrs. Lamb do first ditto. They have been staying at Hamburg at what appears to be a sort of Sanatorium, chiefly to be dieted. They lie in the garden and read. Mrs. W. wishes to reduce her bulk and is greatly satisfied with the result. She is certainly much less stout than when I saw her last. Meat with hardly any vegetables, fruit or bread, appears to be the secret no butter - wherefore she enjoyed a morsel of butter at tea! They had read nearly all their books but as they were just going it does not matter.



I think Mrs. Lamb will be prepared to work for us in Elementary schools and we wanted that, did we not She is very enthusiastic. B.P.'s letter was a delightful compliment to yours and I feel it shabby to ask her to share this letter, but when she sees all its enclosures, she will understand that I have been working rather hard.

Her description of the two chatelaines is very telling; the one who serves her neighbours is certainly the attractive person. I was wondering what Mr. Franklin found to do now you tell me of the birthday expedition among the cathedrals: what a delightful time the trio will have.

So Madge is not to go to Germany I am rather sorry because it would have broken her in a little to community life, but see your point: a town life without air and exercise would not suit her. I am sorry Geoffrey is overdone; is it a touch of the old heart trouble, I wonder?

Yes, I wish P.M.E.U. would have let us both alone for these holidays and I hated plumping thunderbolts into the quiet of the dear friend's <sup>little</sup> village<sup>town</sup>. I am enclosing a scrap that you might care to send to Mrs. Devonshire. Don't you think you should send her too for distribution, your Berlin address in German. We should communicate with one or two Belgian allies. M. de Vuyst.

Miss Lees would be admirable for daily governess or there is the Miss Conder who was at Salisbury still free I



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think; but she rather wished to be placed in the north. W.P. wrote to me about Mrs. ~~W. H. H.~~ Ramsay. Could you suggest that we should send her a stop gap if we have not the right person in the middle of September and all she wants (many accomplishments) at Christmas? No, I think Miss Cox has not the necessary accomplishments but would do very well for a stop gap if she is free now. Perhaps Mrs. Blugden would also do with a stop gap. You see, nobody knows anything just now but when V.P. goes back in the middle of September, she will act. Here's a huge budget. I hope it won't tire you.

All the news from you is charming,  
much love to B.P. from both of us and a great deal for your  
dear self,

C.W.

(Enc 246)  
~~By the~~ Kit.

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Drei Konige  
Drei-Alhren  
bei Colmar

31.8. 1905

Dearest,

Here we are in a lovely spot in the heart of the Vosges Mountains and at the top of a pinewood. There are a lot of children in the house with their parents and you would make hay! I think everyone nearly is French. B.P. will be interested to hear that we have come here on a pilgrimage! That behind the hotel is a church which is the bourne of many pilgrims because why? in fourteen hundred and something a pious smith had a vision which ended in the building of the church and in many miracles and votive offerings. We were puzzled to know what Drei Aehren meant but it appears that the Virgin Mary carried three ears of corn in one hand as a sign of the good things that should happen to the good and pious people and an icicle in the other to show how the wicked should melt away and leave no sign. It was doubtful yesterday whether this person's pump would like the height but I think it is going to be good.

I am delighted with the little winged creature B.P. sends. I never saw anything so suggestive of wings as the whole attitude and motion and what a wonderful photograph. You tell me no news but I hope no news is good news. I am very glad to have Mrs. Devonshire's letters; my own thoughts, and I am sure yours have been going in the same direction. The whole thing turns on how far we feel obliged to make "instruction" in schools our

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business. If the powers that be come to our aid in that matter, we may just go on in our own happy way carrying forth our own work under our own name; but if it remains with us to reach teachers, I am afraid it will have to be at the cost of such sacrifices as Mrs. Devonshire points out. Of course, we are all willing to lose ourselves for the general good but I have been feeling very sorrowful at the thought of losing our old P.N.E.U. name and changing our organisation.

At any rate, nothing can be done at present and my reason for writing so soon - so prematurely indeed - was the thought that Mrs. Devonshire might do something towards International cooperation on new lines; but I am delighted that she is translating your paper. That did so well for us in Germany that we may hope the best elsewhere.

Why not Miss Allen for Mr. Morant if the school scheme has fallen through. Mrs. Lamb is coveting Miss Parish but I shall soon now be able to tell you who is at liberty and shall be satisfied of course with what you arrange. I wonder does he want a resident or daily governess? And still, why not Miss Lees? She has a scientific turn which would be especially useful. I am sorry for those two poor girls; we must let them know of the next place on the look out for a school. I believe it will be better for them to start as the others have done.

How delightful of Mr. Morant to write such a nice letter to Miss Smeeton. She is doing good work for our cause,

is she not? How little we know what is going on in the world. It appears that 30,000 pilgrims come here annually to be cured of their ailments and distresses. It is another Lourdes; but they come at Easter time so we shall not see them.

I am ever so vexed to have disturbed dear Lady A. with a bomb when (if that interview I hope for goes well ) we may have to make no change at all. But a rival Society is a danger. It would occupy our ground without doing our work; say your prayers about it all, please.

Dear love,

Ever yours,

C.M. (K.K.)



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Dearest,

You must come here for your very next holiday - short holiday that is - and M and S. would find a world of interest and stimulating ideas. I have never seen or wished to see Rome. There is so much of it that one would be overwhelmed. But to think that half a dozen at least of the later emperors walked familiarly about the streets here - to see the remains of their palace, baths amphitheatre, court of justice, Church of Constantine - brings the Roman past before you in a way you can grasp. We are immediately opposite and quite close to the majestic and impressive Porta Nigra. I cannot describe what it is to see the city life moving beyond and through the two great arches. It gives the sense of continuity and of solidarity more than anything I ever came across.

This is an extremely nice hotel and to a person who had not to be carried upstairs an economical one. There was a big wedding here yesterday of an officer. 100 guests - high festival went on from 11 in the morning till after midnight. Also we have had a very interesting personage in the house, the Queen mother of Italy - Margherita the widow of King Humbert. She too, was historical, a great quiet good face. Our hostess said she spoke French and German beautifully and most likely other languages. I have had your announcement from Cowell. Two readings from House of Education is very plucky!

I have rather wearied for a line from you, dear.

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tho' really there is nothing you need say. Kit Kit is very happy in this new experience. We find we can easily do the home journey in a day, so shall stay here over Sunday and come through on Monday 25th. You shall have a p.c. of time. Mrs. Epps writes of a great wish to see me, so I have suggested the morning of the 26th. Is that right?

I am afraid I can hardly expect Miss Gray to look me up again? Much as I should like to see her,

Dear Love,

Ever yours,

C.M.